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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995
See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/820,562
Filing Date	March 29, 2001
First Named Inventor	Gilbert BLOCH
Group Art Unit	1771
Examiner Name	D. Zirker
Attorney Docket Number	82017-3700

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
 - i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on December 20, 2002
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **501-814**
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee if required and not otherwise submitted (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Application of: G. BLOCH et al.

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For: PRESSURE-SENSITIVE PAPER-
PLASTIC FILM LAMINATE TAPE

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LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the advisory action, applicants are filing a Request for Continued Prosecution application so that their amendment of December 23, 2002 will be entered to place the application in condition for allowance.

In addition, the following comments are presented in response to the Examiner's remarks regarding the Finestone et al. patent. While this patent was not used to reject the claims, the final office action cited that reference to suggest that adhesive cold lamination to join paper to plastic is generally known in the art. The Finestone et al. patent does not support this position. The Finestone et al. patent represents that work of the present inventors and is not prior art to applicants. The present application claims a priority date of November, 1992, while the Finestone et al. patent was published on December 14, 1994, i.e., after the effective filing date of this application. Also, Finestone et al. has a filing date of January, 1992, i.e., less than one year prior to the filing date of this application. Thus, no rejection under 102(b) is applicable.

Since the Finestone et al. patent and the present application are co-owned, a rejection under section 102(e) or 103 is not appropriate under the provisions of the patent law as amended under the American Inventors' Protection Act of 1999.

Furthermore, the disclosure of cold lamination in that patent is the work of the coinventors of the present application so it is not the work of another to support a rejection under 35 USC 102(a) or (f).

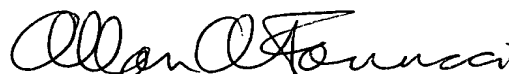
Applicants submit that the entire application is now in condition of allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated. Should the Examiner not agree with the Applicants' position, then a telephonic interview is respectfully requested to discuss any remaining issues and expedite the eventual allowance of the application.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Please charge any required fees to Winston & Strawn Deposit Account No. 501-814.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: _____

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